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E. intelligence agency mooted

BEIRUT, May 4 (R). — A powerful group of Middle East states has agreed in principle to establish an intelligence agency to protect oilfields from possible sabotage, well-informed news digest reported today. The Beirut-based Arab Press Service (APS) said 11 countries approved in March the broad outlines of a plan to coordinate intelligence-gathering operations. It said the scheme provides for recruiting security agents experienced in counter-insurgency and seeking the cooperation of foreign intelligence networks. APS said it was based on draft prepared by experts from Iran, Saudi Arabia and Iraq.

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No substantiation of report U.S. has agreed to limit missiles

DENVER, Colorado, May 4 (R). — The New York Times reported today the United States had reached a compromise with the Soviet Union on limiting long-range missiles and bombers, but President Carter said he did not think there was any truth in the report. The newspaper said that the U.S. had tentatively decided to accept a Soviet proposal to limit each side to 2,250 long-range missiles and bombers until the end of 1985. Asked about the report, President Carter, here during a three-day visit to four western states, replied: "I don't think so."

Price: Jordan 50 fils; Syria 50 piastres; Lebanon 75 piastres; Saudi Arabia 1 riyal; UAE 1 dirham; Great Britain 25 pence.

Major breakthrough in package tour holidays in the way for Aqaba

By John Bonar and Alan Martiny
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, May 4 — A major European holiday company is in final stages of planning a major boost to Aqaba's tourism development, it was learned here today. The Tjæreborg company of Denmark which has offices in London and the rest of Continental Europe has developed a package tour holiday package for Europe of between 500 and 1,000 tourists a week arriving in Aqaba, starting Nov. 1. The tourists would be flown on two charter flights a week, one of which will be operated by Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, and the other by Sterling Airways, a subsidiary of the Tjæreborg Foundation.

Sources close to the Danish company say that agreement has been reached with Alia on the flights and the plan has the full support of Jordan's Tourism Ministry.

A release from the Jordan News Agency today quoted industry sources as saying this "new arrangement" would be a boost for the city of Aqaba and is the "first of its kind in Jordan."

However, the final decision whether or not to go ahead is being taken by Tjæreborg head office in Copenhagen after a report from two Danish executives now in Aqaba, local negotiations are now underway with hotels in Aqaba to package tour rates. The Danish company operates a star classification system and offers tourists the same basic package with price differentials for varying standards of hotels.

While agreements have been reached with Holiday Inn at the Alcazar hotel in Aqaba there is some resistance from a number of other private sector hotels in the city to the price structure proposed by Tjæreborg.

Gentle persuasion

Responsible sources at the Ministry of Tourism expressed confidence to the Jordan Times today that "with a little bit of gentle persuasion" the hotels will eventually accept the price structure which is some \$3 below the rate the hotels would charge per room per night.

The Ministry of Tourism wholeheartedly supports the move which helps to prove the viability of Aqaba as a potential international tourist resort. With the average Tjæreborg tour numbering 550 tourists, 250 rooms out of Aqaba's total of 500 will be booked solid by the tour operators for up to 12 months of the year.

Initially the company wanted 700 beds in Aqaba but this is "just impossible" said a Ministry official. Meanwhile with the approval of the Jordanian authorities the Danish company is preparing a brochure and a publicity campaign to sell Aqaba to Danes and other Europeans on the assumption final details will be agreed and the tours will start during this autumn.

Nimeiri expects Arab summit in 8 weeks

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, May 4 — Sudanese President Ja' Nimeiri said today after a meeting with President Anwar Sadat that the Middle East situation was "on the brink of danger."

President Nimeiri also told reporters he expected an Arab summit to take place within a few weeks.

President Nimeiri said: "The Middle East situation is now on the brink of danger. Israel aggression in southern Lebanon has taken the peace of a Middle East peace several steps back."

He added: "I think Israel is using a golden opportunity to reach a deal through its intrusion because in 30 years it has never been such a crisis or opportunity."

President Nimeiri, who has been trying to bring about a unit to reconcile Arab differences following President Sadat's visit to Jerusalem last week, also said: "If things according to plan the (Arab) unit will convene within a few weeks."

He said first relations between Egypt and five hard-line Arab countries would have to be restored. Egypt broke relations with Iraq, Syria, Libya, Jamahiriya, Algeria and South Yemen after they criticized his peace overtures to Israel.

President Nimeiri said Sudan prepared to host the summit in Khartoum, if this was acceptable to the Arab states. Just over eight weeks time Organisation of African Unity (OAU) foreign ministers meeting followed by an African summit is due to take place in the Sudanese capital.

President Sadat has said he has no objection to resuming relations with the five and no objection to an Arab summit. He has said that such a summit should define a pan-Arab position and Arab policy should not be a forum for trading petty interests.

It 90 minutes with Mr. Sadat, next goes to Damascus. There the government newspaper Tishrin said yesterday that unless Mr. Sadat announced the failure of his "capitulationist and defeatist policy" towards Israel and rejoined Arab ranks the ingredients for any fully-fledged Arab meeting would still be lacking.

The Sudanese president, whose country is the current chairman of the 22-member Arab League Council, was asked by the League in March to convene a summit to settle Arab differences following Mr. Sadat's Jerusalem visit.

Four wounded by bomb in Israel

HAIFA, Israel, May 4 (AP). — Arab guerrillas planted bombs in two Israeli buses today, and one of them exploded while being dismantled, slightly wounding four persons, police said.

Two Jewish bomb experts, and two civilians, were hospitalized with bomb fragments in their legs. The device exploded after the bomb expert tried to dismantle it.

The incident occurred in the Arab city of Acre on the Mediterranean, 16 kms. north of the port of Haifa.

Police said eight suspects were arrested. The second explosion occurred in a parked, empty bus near Jerusalem's convention hall and caused little damage.

Police said the Acre bomb was discovered by the driver after his passengers had disembarked at the end of a run from Haifa. The driver placed the charge, which was wrapped in paper, on a bus station bench and summoned the police.



His Highness Crown Prince Hassan receives gifts of the Holy Koran, in English and Arabic, from Minister of Waqfs and Islamic Affairs Kamel Al Sharif on behalf of the participants in a ten-day training and educational session of religious instructors and guides, at a meeting in the Royal Hashemite Court on Thursday. (JNA photo). (See Prince Hassan calls on religious leaders to preach love of land: Page 2).

Arafat orders arrest and trial of attackers of French UNIFIL posts

BEIRUT, May 4 (Agencies). — Palestinian guerrilla leader Yasser Arafat Thursday ordered a crackdown on elements responsible for assaults that left two U.N. peacekeeping French paratroopers killed and wounded in south Lebanon Tuesday, reliable Palestinian sources reported.

They said Arafat ordered the arrest and court martial of everyone involved in the mortar attack on a French military barracks near the southern coastal town of Tyre, as well as the ambush of two French paratroopers and the shooting of French commander Col. Jean Germain Salvan this week.

The sources said military police units of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), the overlord of the six major guerrilla groups, converged on the Biblical city 80 kms. south of Beirut and began the arrests this morning.

Known to us

The sources would not give the number, identity or nationality of those accused of mounting the assaults.

"But they are all known to us," one source said. "A committee formed by the PLO completed an investigation into the clashes Wednesday and reported the outcome to Chairman Arafat along with a list of the culprits."

Most of the attackers are believed to be members of a Lebanese militia group that aligns itself with the Rejection Front of the Palestinian guerrilla movement.

The group called itself the "Popular Resistance Front for the Liberation of the South from Occupation and Fascism." It publicly claimed responsibility for the Tyre assaults against the French forces, saying it was in retaliation for the death of two

front members at a French checkpoint Monday.

Control

The commander of the U.N.

U.N. asks Ireland for troops

DUBLIN, May 4 (R). — The United Nations has formally asked the Irish government to supply troops to increase the U.N. force in south Lebanon.

A spokesman for the Foreign Affairs Department said today the request, submitted by U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, would be considered "at the earliest opportunity". Ireland is expected to send about 700 troops to south Lebanon, the largest contingent the Republic has ever sent abroad, according to Irish officials.

peacekeeping force in south Lebanon today called on Palestinian leaders to impose stricter control on their forces.

French UNIFIL forces get new commander

PARIS, May 4 (R). — France replaced the wounded commander of its U.N. forces in Lebanon today as the French press called for them to be provided with heavier equipment and clearer orders.

Col. Dominique Viard, 43, an Algerian war paratrooper, was named to replace Col. Jean-Germain Salvan, seriously wounded in southern Lebanon on Tuesday in fighting in which two French soldiers and one Senegalese were killed.

Increased firepower

The conservative newspaper L'Aurore said the U.N. force was doomed to fail in its mission unless its numbers and firepower were boosted.

"There was an obvious decision to take, to increase the numbers of the U.N. force and we can rejoice that the Security Council agreed on this yesterday. But this is not enough. The quality of equipment of the U.N. forces must be improved and their firepower must be notably increased. They

Maj.-Gen. Emmanuel Erskine told Reuters he would soon meet PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat to discuss the actions of unidentified gunmen, which he said posed the biggest problem for his 4,000 men.

Gen. Erskine returned to Beirut today to rejoin his men after cutting short consultations with Secretary General Kurt Waldheim in New York.

In an interview after his arrival, he said he did not know the identity of the gunmen, but that in the interests of everybody concerned, the PLO should bring themselves under control.

The general said his first priority was to reach a firm understanding with the Palestinians on the role of UNIFIL.

"We are not here to fight anybody, but we have to prevent armed men from coming into areas under our control," Gen. Erskine said.

"I expect to meet Mr. Arafat soon and I will be making this point clear."

Gen. Erskine said reports that his men had been placed on an alert were nonsense.

He said: "There has been no significant change in our deployment. The emphasis is on negotiation, not confrontation."

UNIFIL strength upped

UNITED NATIONS, May 3 (R). — The Security Council today approved an increase in the strength of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) from 4,000 to 6,000 men.

Alluding to clashes between U.N. troops and guerrillas which took the lives of three members of UNIFIL, the council also deplored "the attacks on the U.N. force that have occurred" and demanded full respect for the U.N. force from all parties in Lebanon.

The draft took note of the withdrawal of Israeli forces that has taken place so far and called on Israel to "complete its withdrawal from all Lebanese territory without any further delay."

The resolution was adopted by 12 votes to none against.

Carter pressed by key senators to change M.E. arms deal package

WASHINGTON, May 4 (AP). — Key U.S. senators continued today to press the Carter administration for changes in its Mideast jet sale proposal as a means of avoiding a bruising fight on Capitol Hill. Senate minority leader Howard H. Baker Jr., who has avoided saying which way he might vote on the proposal to sell the fighters to Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Israel, said: "I have discussed this matter with high administration officials. I'm awaiting a reply from them."

Meanwhile, the Senate foreign relations committee met in closed session to question CIA Director Stansfield Turner about the arms sales.

Senator Frank Church told reporters there were several areas in which the administration might compromise to satisfy critics of the deal.

Church mentioned these possibilities:

- Altering the proposal to increase the number of F-15 fighters sold to Israel.
- Accelerating the delivery dates for the planes sold to Israel.
- Obtaining assurances from Saudi Arabia that it will not purchase additional sophisticated aircraft.
- Limiting the type of arms that would be sold to the Saudis for use on the F-15's.

Formal campaign

The administration opened its formal campaign to gather support for the arms sales by sending Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, deputy secretary of state Warren Christopher, Defense Secretary Harold Brown, disarmament negotiator Paul Warnke and Air Force General David C. Jones, acting Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to the Senate committee.

The questioning throughout the hearing was skeptical and there appeared little indication that the witnesses had succeeded in picking up the votes needed for majority committee support.

Church said he thought the committee would vote early next week -- probably on Monday -- on a resolution to disapprove the proposed sale.

Before the sale can be blocked, both the House and the Senate must adopt resolutions rejecting the plan.

ing the plan. To meet the 30-day limitation from the time Carter sent the package to Congress.

The administration sent the deal to Congress for its scrutiny last Friday. Carter wants to

sell 75 F-16s and 15 F-15s to Israel; 60 F-15s to Saudi Arabia and 50 F-15s to Egypt. He has said he would withdraw the entire package if Congress substantially changes the proposal or rejects any part of it.

Begin keeps up hard line during fund raising tour of U.S.

CHICAGO, May 4 (R). — Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin stressed here that he would not accept two key Arab demands in a Middle East peace settlement.

"Nobody will dictate to us demands that are unacceptable," Mr. Begin told Jewish leaders yesterday in Chicago.

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nearby Northwestern University, saying: "When we are asked to retreat to a line only nine miles from the seashore and give up the mountains to our enemies ... then we look at our children and ask, 'how can we protect them?' the life of our children must be assured."

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Brezhnev arrives in W. Germany for talks on detente, economy

BONN, May 4 (R). — Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, escorted by strict security, today flew in for four-day talks aimed at furthering detente and improving economic links with West Germany.

It is the 71-year-old Communist Party leader's first visit to Bonn for five years and his first to the West since a trip to Paris last summer.

Several groups planned anti-Soviet demonstrations, and police sharpshooters were posted on the roofs of airport buildings as Mr. Brezhnev arrived to a 21-gun salute.

Thousands more police were on duty along the route to the Moated Gymnich Castle, 45 kms. away, where Mr. Brezhnev will be staying, and in the streets of the capital.

Mr. Brezhnev's talks with

Chancellor Helmut Schmidt in Bonn and Hamburg were expected mainly to concern East-West relations, chances of disarmament and two-way trade.

Learning aid

A Ukrainian students' organization said today two of its officials were released by police last night after being detained on suspicion of planning an attack on the Soviet leader. Police declined comment.

Mr. Brezhnev wore a hearing aid and was helped by an aide as he stepped down the gangway of the airplane from Moscow, but he looked fitter than in recent appearances.

But in contrast to his last visit in 1973, when he waved to crowds from an open car, he was this time driven straight to Gymnich in a closed limousine to rest before starting talks with the president and Chancellor this afternoon.

Similar rest periods were scheduled throughout the visit, in which Mr. Brezhnev will also meet ex-Chancellor Willy Brandt, a determined advocate of East-West detente and conservative opposition leaders who have strong reservations about carrying relaxation with the Communist world too far.

Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and Foreign Trade Minister Nikolai Patolichev were among the 70-strong Soviet delegation. Three rounds of talks are planned in Bonn, with a final session at Chancellor Schmidt's residence in Hamburg on Sunday.

Exchange of views

West German government sources said some 15 tons of communications equipment had been installed at Gymnich castle by Soviet experts in advance of Mr. Brezhnev's arrival.

The Soviet and West German leaders were expected to discuss ways of reviving efforts for the reduction of Communist and Western forces in central Europe.

In an interview with the social-democratic party weekly Vorwaerts this week, Mr. Brezhnev said the Soviet Union had no aggressive intentions and was ready to scale down its forces in central Europe by 50 per cent if the West did likewise.

Government sources in Bonn said West Germany would point out that Soviet bloc tanks, medium-range missiles and men in central Europe heavily outnumbered Western armies. Bonn was not entering into negotiations with the Russians, but simply having an exchange of views, they said.

West German political commentators expect Mr. Brezhnev to raise the issue of the neutron bomb, which West German leaders have agreed to deploy here if needed. U.S. President Carter deferred its production.

Carnival

At Gymnich President Brezhnev had to take a dusty slide road today to avoid a medieval religious carnival blocking the centre of the small town where he will stay during his visit.

The Soviet leader's arrival at his temporary residence in a 17th-century moated castle was pushed into the background by 20,000 people as they celebrated the carnival.

The 750-year-old event commemorates the return of a 13th-century Gymnich knight, from the Holy Land with what is claimed to be a piece of wood from Christ's cross.

The Bride and the Bachelor" offers spirited but farcical treatment marriage, ghosts and death

Jordan Times staff reporter
May 4 — The Amman Players have sprung to life to present their first production, "The Bride and the Bachelor", a comedy by Ronald...

In the cast will be familiar. One is Wally Black who returns in more senses than one to drink a great deal of whisky and give a suitably "spirited" performance as Sir William Benedict Barlow. One particularly stirring moment in the play is when you are allowed to believe that he has succeeded in rallying the forces of husbands and bachelors against the tyranny of women.

Another familiar face is that of Alicia Sutton who, as Barbara Kilpatrick, plays the younger sister of the Bride. She rushes in and out of the plot changing every other minute into a new outfit to keep up with the story, but does so with great confidence and skill. The bride-to-be-or-not-to-be, her sister, rather oddly appears less often. But Roma Sharp plays the part in a convincingly off-hand and distracted way.

Richard Langridge takes the part of Jason Kilpatrick, who is usually the father of the bride and the husband of Isabel. His part is almost libellous of the British Council and he plays it with evident relish. It is one of the weaknesses of the plot that Miss Bowden and Joe Tilney (competently played by Ruth Jones and Carl Al Uzaili) appear so little in the action, but just to add to the confusion, the author introduces Blodwin Morgan Jones as well. Irene McCulloch, however, as Blodwin does her Welsh lilt beautifully, she does.

Swedish minister ends visit

AMMAN, May 4 (R). — Swedish Transport and Communications Minister, Bo Turesson, left for home today after a four-day visit during which he signed an air transport agreement between the two countries.

RSS and U. of J. reps go to Kuwait science and technology meet

AMMAN, May 4 (JNA). — The Vice President of the Royal Scientific Society, Dr. Fakhruddeen Daghistani, and the Dean of the Agriculture Faculty at the University of Jordan, Dr. Subhi Al Qasem, will be leaving for Kuwait to take part in the National Symposium on Science and Technology that starts there on Saturday. They will join representatives from the Arabian Gulf states and U.N. specialists in a two-day discussion. Subjects range from industry and oil to water supply, manpower and trade, sources at the Royal Scientific Society said.

Foreign journalists here to review tourism

AMMAN, May 4 (JNA). — A group of foreign journalists specialising in tourism by car arrived in Amman yesterday

for a four-day visit at the invitation of the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, and the Royal Automobile Club. Upon their arrival the journalists, who work for magazines in six European countries, met with the Minister of Tourism, Ghaleb Barakat who briefed them on touristic projects in the country. Later the eight-member group met with the Director of Tourism, Michael Hamarneh, who explained Jordan's road system and various touristic sites.

South Korean military team arrives for talks

AMMAN, May 4 (R). — A South Korean naval military team, Commander Sang Hwai Choi, will arrive here tomorrow at the head of a military delegation for talks with senior military officials, according to a South Korean embassy spokesman. He will also tour military establishments and historical sites during the four-day visit.

Tourism representative returns from WTO meets

AMMAN, May 4 (JNA). — Miss Laurence Hlass, a consultant at the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, returned to Amman today after attending meetings of the budget and financial committee of the World Tourism Organisation (WTO) and the WTO's executive council which ended in Madrid on April 28.

Iraqi minister of culture due here

AMMAN, May 4 (Al Ra'i). — The Iraqi Minister of Culture will visit Jordan next week at the invitation of Minister of Culture and Youth Sharif Fawaz Sharaf.

Islamic leader on visit from Anstralia

AMMAN, May 4 (JNA). — The head of the Islamic community in Canberra, Dr. Mohammad Al 'Aryyan, and the community secretary 'Abdul Rahman Hashem arrived here Tuesday for a several visit at the invitation of His Highness Crown Prince Hassan. They met with the Minister of Islamic Affairs, Kamel Al Sharif, to discuss a number of Islamic problems.

Dentists meet here to upgrade standards of profession, eye Arabic as medium of instruction

By Alan Martiny
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, May 4 — The 18th session of the Board of the Federation of Arab Dentists opened here today. The purpose of the four-day conference, which is being attended by delegates from 19 Arab nations, is to prepare for the general dental conference which will be held in Algeria in 1979 and to discuss proposals for upgrading and Arabising the practice of dentistry in the Arab World. Acting Minister of Health Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh officially opened the session this morning.

"According to the laws they are trying to impose," he said, "dentists, pharmacists and medical doctors can practise only if they are approved by the Israeli military authorities regardless of their academic qualifications."

"The Israelis," he noted, "are more concerned with security than with medical standards. This concerns the Jordanian Medical Association. So far the Israelis have not succeeded, as the practising dentists in the West Bank have rejected their policy. During this meeting we will discuss ways and means of supporting the dentists in the West Bank in their resistance of the Israeli plan."

Dr. A. Bustani, Vice Chairman of the Scientific Committee of the Jordanian Dental Association, told the Jordan Times in an interview today that "one of the main topics on the agenda is to seek to elevate the standards of the dental profession in the Arab World. A few of the ways being considered are to introduce refresher courses in dental schools for practising dentists to keep up with the latest developments and to facilitate the circulation of dental periodicals in all languages between dentists in the Arab World."

"We are also recommending to dental schools that they teach psychology as a part of their under-graduate curriculum," he said. "In dental therapy a dentist needs a good background in psychology to better handle patients. Until now Arab universities have not taught psychology in their dental schools."

pe or the United States with no noticeable difficulty. Using the Arabic language at the under-graduate level should neither prevent nor hinder one from pursuing post-graduate studies in another language.

"At the moment all dental schools in the Arab World, with the exception of Damascus, teach in a foreign language -- French or English."

"Why can't we teach in Arabic? Other countries like Turkey, Spain, Greece and Yugoslavia teach in their own languages. Arabic is one of the oldest languages in history and one of the most developing as well. Arabic has the ability to form new words very easily."

"Textbooks exist. The technical terminology exists. And we have good technical dictionaries and films. So the venture is not something new which needs to be explored. It has already been tried and proven."

The present meeting of the Board of the Federation of Arab Dentists is being held under the auspices of the Jordanian Dental Association and is being sponsored by the Arab League. The Federation of Arab Dentists holds a general meeting every two years, the last of which was held in Kuwait in December 1977.



Acting Minister of Health Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh (second from left) opens the dentists' conference in Amman Thursday. (JNA photo)

Amman Stock Exchange Report

NAME OF COMPANY	PAR value	Volume traded	Opening price	Closing price
Jordan Dairy Co.	JD 1,000	62	1.150	1.250
Arab Development & Investments Co.	JD 2,000	190	1.900	1.900
Jordan Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	3,461	1.500	1.400
Housing Bank	JD 1,000	115	1.100	1.150
Petra Bank	JD 10,000	875	13.500	13.750
Cairo - Amman Bank	JD 5,000	719	5.000	5.600
Dar Aldawa Development & Investment Co.	JD 1,000	340	1.950	1.950
Industrial, Commercial & Agricultural Co.	JD 1,000	1,405	2.550	2.550
Arab Investment & Intern. Trading Co.	JD 5,000	478	4.250	4.350
Arab Pharmaceutical Co.	JD 5,000	2,298	16.950	16.900
Arab Aluminium Co.	JD 1,000	12,650	1.150	1.150
Jerusalem Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	1,391	2.350	2.450
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	3,146	1.450	1.400
Jordan Cement Factories	JD 10,000	1,134	16.200	16.200
Jordan Ceramic Industries	JD 1,000	550	1.150	1.100
Jordan Spinning & Weaving Co.	JD 1,000	1,000	1.050	1.000
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5,000	2,028	7.050	7.000
Jordan Phosphate Mines	JD 1,000	453	2.300	2.300

Total volume traded, Thursday, May 4 JD 32,295
* 50 per cent of share capital paid.
** 75 per cent of share capital paid.

National News Roundup

School admission requirements clarified at education meeting

AMMAN, May 4 (JNA). — Minister of Education Dr. Salim Al Majali presided over a meeting of directors of education in the Kingdom today. After reviewing admission requirements in government and private schools it was decided to accept in the primary class, students who are six years of age on 1/9/1978. Older students who were born in 1972 and were not admitted last year may also be accepted according to school accommodation until 31/12/1978. It was also decided to accept in the primary class in private schools, students who completed their fifth year of age by 1/9/1978; and to accept children who reached the age three years and eight months in kindergarten for two years, one year in the K.G.I. and the second in the K.G. 2.

Queen Zein opens sixth flower show at Intercontinental Hotel

AMMAN, May 4 (JNA). — Her Majesty the Queen Mother, Zein Al Sharaf this afternoon opened the sixth flower show organised by the Young Womens Christian Association YWCA in Amman at the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel. The show is organised in cooperation with Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, the University of Jordan and a number of Arab and foreign air companies. At the end of the ceremony, Queen Zein distributed prizes to participants in the show, which will last for two days.

Jordan marks World Traffic Day

AMMAN, May 4 (JNA). — Radar-equipped police cars were displayed at the Royal Racing Club today as part of celebrations marking World Traffic Day. The Interior Minister Suleiman Arar made a speech and distributed honorary certificates to a number of police officers and other officials in recognition of their services. The day was also observed in Amman and other cities where scouts and guides helped traffic police in their duties. Damaged vehicles were placed at several points in the cities to remind people to follow traffic regulations and at schools teachers explained road safety rules.

Environmental education conference ends

AMMAN, May 4 (JNA). — An environmental education meeting which ended in Amman today adopted several recommendations calling for the production of films to be employed in schools' education programmes, the recording of television material dealing with environmental education and the introduction of this subject into the schools' curricula a source at the Ministry of Education said today. Education specialists from Jordan, Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Libya took part in the meetings.

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

	Jordanian Dhs
U.S. dollar	312.00/314.00
U.K. sterling	50.00/51.00
W. German mark	150.30/151.20
Swiss franc	158.80/160.80
French franc	67.70/68.10
Italian lire (for every 100)	35.90/36.10
Japanese yen (for every 100)	138.20/139.00
Dutch guilder	140.50/141.40
Belgian franc (for every ten)	96.30/96.90
Swedish crown	67.40/67.80

Economic and business News

Annual phosphate exports to Pakistan to increase to 260,000 tons



Minister of Labour Issam Ajlouni (far left) signs labour exchange agreements with Pakistani officials in Islamabad Wednesday.

AMMAN, May 4 (JNA). — Pakistan has agreed to increase its annual imports of Jordanian phosphates from 100 tons to 260,000 tons, Dr. Taiseer Abdul Jabbar, Secretary General of the National Planning Council, said today. Dr. Abdul Jabbar was part of the team headed by Minister of Labour, Issam Ajlouni, which returned from a week-long visit to Pakistan. The minister said in a statement on his return that two agreements were also signed for cooperation in the exchange of our and the promotion of education. A protocol for increase of trade between the two countries was also agreed during the visit. Dr. Abdul Jabbar said that the Pakistani Institute of Science and Technology has welcomed the establishment of cooperation with the Royal Scientific Society in technical training and research.

Syria, U.S. sign \$14m. food agreement

AMMAN, May 4 (R). — Syria and the United States have signed a \$14 million agreement for the sale of food. The agreement was signed yesterday by Syrian Minister of Economy and Foreign Trade Mohammad Al Jundi and U.S. Charge d'Affaires Robert Pelletreau. An official source said Syria was given credit facilities to buy 35,000 tons of flour and 15,000 tons of rice from the U.S.

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JORDAN TELEVISION

Channel 2 & 6:	23:00	23:15	23:30	23:45	24:00
10:00 Quran	10:15	10:30	10:45	11:00	11:15
10:20 Children's programme	10:35	10:50	11:05	11:20	11:35
10:40 Sports	10:55	11:10	11:25	11:40	11:55
11:00 News Bulletin	11:15	11:30	11:45	12:00	12:15
11:20 News Bulletin	11:35	11:50	12:05	12:20	12:35
11:40 News Bulletin	11:55	12:10	12:25	12:40	12:55
12:00 News Bulletin	12:15	12:30	12:45	13:00	13:15
12:20 News Bulletin	12:35	12:50	13:05	13:20	13:35
12:40 News Bulletin	12:55	13:10	13:25	13:40	13:55
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On Sun Day, Carter proposes \$100m. more for solar energy plans

DENVER, Colorado, May 4 (Agencies). — President Jimmy Carter marked the observance of Sun Day yesterday with a surprise announcement of a \$100 million increase in proposed U.S. spending for solar and renewable energy projects next year. Presidential Press Secretary Jody Powell made the announcement as Carter flew here from Washington on the first leg of a three-day trip to four Western states.

Powell said the \$100 million would be spent on such projects as photovoltaic cells, wind-power projects and conversion of wood into gasoline and other fuels. He said the money would be "reprogrammed" from the other projects in the Department of Energy's proposed budget for the 1979 fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

Photovoltaic cells convert sunlight directly into electricity.

The money will be proposed for new or expanded projects in eight or nine different areas

including solar, wind, mini-hydroelectric and similar energy projects that are based on power sources that are naturally renewed.

Carter was scheduled to take part in Sun Day observances at the Solar Energy Research Institute. The visit kicked off the president's tour of Colorado, California, Oregon and Washington — four states which Carter lost in the 1976 election.

The Solar Energy Research Institute is a government-financed project operated for the

Department of Energy by the private, non-profit Midwest Research Institute of Kansas City.

A cloudburst drenched Carter's outdoor rally at Golden, Colorado, in which he was to announce the extra \$100 million spending. His speech should have been made over an address system powered by the sun. But dense cloud followed by heavy rain forced him to resort to a battery-powered system and declare: "We've got a nuclear generator on a safe place — 92 million miles away and its name is the sun."

Carter, Fukuda agree economic measures

WASHINGTON, May 4 (R). — President Carter and Japanese Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda have agreed on a series of short-term measures designed to reduce Japan's huge trade surplus with the United States, White House officials said last night.

The steps include Japanese stockpiling of oil, increased purchases of non-ferrous metal and commercial aircraft, and pre-payment for uranium enrichment services, the officials

said. The two leaders also agreed to strengthen consultative procedures between U.S. and Japanese monetary authorities following Mr. Fukuda's request that the United States do something towards stabilizing the dollar abroad.

But the officials said this did not mean the United States intended to engage in foreign exchange market intervention to support the dollar against the yen.

The Japanese have been pressing for an accord similar to one between Washington and Bonn under which the U.S. intervenes by selling German marks to check the slide of the dollar.

The decisions were announced as Mr. Fukuda ended a two-day visit here meeting Mr. Carter at the White House. Their meeting was described as straightforward but friendly.

After the prime minister left the White House, Mr. Carter told reporters: "It went fine." White House officials said later that Mr. Carter had agreed to visit Japan at a mutually convenient date, but said the trip would not occur this year.

Kuwaiti oil minister: Prices must go up to offset dollar losses

KUWAIT, May 4 (Agencies). — Kuwait's oil minister was quoted last night as saying higher oil prices were needed to offset losses suffered by oil-producing countries because of the fall of the U.S. dollar.

Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al Sabah told the magazine Al Wai-aniyah that indications show that measures taken so far have been ineffective in curbing the dollar deterioration.

"The only alternative to compensate losses suffered by oil-producing countries lies in raising the prices."

The minister told the magazine, which is owned by the co-

untry's National Petroleum Company, that the losses sustained by Kuwait and other countries "could not be ignored."

He added: "As it is impossible to ignore the dollar deterioration in foreign markets any longer, there is no way to recover some of the big losses except by fresh price increases."

He said Kuwait has no objection to adopting a "basket" of currencies for calculating oil prices.

The dollar issue will be discussed by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) in Taif, Saudi Arabia, on Saturday.

Arms deal has nothing to do with Saudi oil dollar policies, says information minister

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia, May 4 (R). — Information Minister Mohammad Abdo Yamani said yesterday his country's opposition to higher oil prices and its support for the U.S. dollar did not depend on whether America sold his country 60 F-15 jet warplanes.

"Our positions on oil prices and on the dollar are based on economic premises," Dr. Yamani said in an interview with Reuters. "These will only change if there is a change in these premises."

He was commenting on an interview which the Washington Post had with Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani about the sale of the planes.

"We place great importance and significance on this transaction," Sheikh Yamani was quoted as saying. "If we don't get it, then we will have a feeling that you are not concerned with our security."

President Carter has proposed selling F-15 warplanes to Saudi Arabia along with F-16 and F-18 planes to Israel and F-5s to Egypt. Congress has 30 days, from last Friday, to reject the sale.

Dr. Yamani said Saudi Arabia was a responsible nation and would continue to act as such. He ruled out "an emotional reaction" to a Congressional rejection. He said the 60 planes were "a minor part of our defence requirements... We are virtually a sub-continent and 60 planes would not go very far in helping to defend our vast country," he added.

Dr. Yamani said the opposition of Israel and its supporters to the American fighter sale to Saudi Arabia was not related to any fear of Saudi Arabia or a potential threat from it. "What they are afraid of is that the success of this sale would further underline Saudi-U.S. friendship," he said.

U.K. reserves hit new low

LONDON, May 4 (AP). — Britain's gold and foreign currency reserves fell by a record \$3.282 billion in April to stand at \$17.038 billion dollars at the end of the month, the Treasury announced yesterday.

The drop, the largest ever recorded in a single month, reflected the generous support the Bank of England has been giving to the pound over the past month.

A London Foreign Exchange dealer commented that the money market was already aware of the bank's heavy intervention to prop up sterling and it was little affected by the Treasury's announcement.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES LONDON MARKET REPORT

LONDON, (R). — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies against the dollar at the close of inter-bank trading on the London foreign exchange market last night. Tourist rates will differ from those quoted below.

One sterling	1.8282/87	U.S. dollars
One dollar	2.0685/0715	West German marks
	2.2080/2110	Dutch guilders
	1.9460/9500	Swiss francs
	32.20/25	Belgian francs
	4.5900/50	French francs
	866.50/867.00	Italian lire
	224.55/70	Japanese yen
	4.6075/6150	Swedish crowns
	5.3800/3900	Norwegian crowns
	5.6500/6600	Danish crowns

An upward trend in prices was halted Thursday when the Bank of England signalled it would not oppose an increase in the minimum lending rate, dealers said. Overall trading was quiet and at 15:00 the F.T. index was up 5.9 at 447.8.

Government bonds were marked down from earlier gains with long dated issues returning to overnight levels, while shorts lost up to 1/4 point, they added.

Industrial leaders finished below the day's highs, with gains of up to 10p.

Gold closed higher in line with the bullion price, while U.S., Canadian and Australian stocks eased.

Price of gold closed in London Thursday at \$173.30/oz.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Pete Rose of the Cincinnati Reds moves closer to become 13th player with career score of 3,000 hits

NEW YORK, May 4 (AP). —

Pete Rose had two hits to move within two of the 3,000 mark for his career and Fred Norman won his fourth straight game as the Cincinnati Reds beat the Philadelphia Phillies 12-3 last night.

The 37-year-old Rose, in his 16th major league season, is striving to become only the 13th player to reach the prestigious plateau. His next chance will come tomorrow when the Reds host the Montreal Expos.

Greeted before each time at bat with a standing ovation from the crowd of 36,628 at Cincinnati's Riverfront Stadium, Rose led off the game with a single to left and doubled in the fourth for hit number 2,998.

Norman, 4-0, spotted the Phillies a 3-0 first-inning lead, then settled down to boost his career record at Riverfront to 42-17. Backed by a 15-hit attack, Norman scattered six hits before leaving the game after seven innings. Manny Sarmiento pitched the eighth and Doug Bair the ninth.

Elsewhere in the National League, Reggie Smith had a triple, a double, two singles and three runs batted and Rick Monday slugged his ninth homer and doubled in another run, leading the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 9-5 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

Sixth-inning homers by Oscar Gamble and Jerry Turner helped the San Diego Padres beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 7-5.

Ross Grimsley pitched his fifth consecutive victory and Gary Carter drove in five runs with a grand slam home run and a double as the Montreal Expos downed the Houston Astros 10-3.

San Francisco's Jim Barr pitched a five-hitter in blanking the St. Louis Cardinals 4-0.

The New York Mets' game at Atlanta was rained out.

In the American League, Richie Zisk drove in both Texas runs with a sixth-inning double and an eighth-inning single, giving the Rangers a 2-1 victory over the Baltimore Orioles behind the three-hit pitching of Doyle Alexander.

Graig Nettles' solo homer with two out in the eighth inning gave the New York Yankees a 6-5 victory over the Kansas City Royals. Jim Spencer and Reggie Jackson also homered for the Yankees while Amos Otis, Clint Hurdle and Al Cowens connected for Kansas City.

Rookie Paul Molitor hit a two-run double and scored in the seventh inning and Jerry Augustine fired a three-hitter,

leading the Milwaukee Brewers to a 4-0 victory over the Chicago White Sox.

The Boston Red Sox outscored the Minnesota Twins 11-9 as Fred Lynn drilled three hits, including a tie-breaking two-run single in the sixth inning.

Two-run doubles by Rusty Staub, Steve Dillard and Ron Leflore carried the Detroit Tigers to a 7-4 victory over the California Angels.

Gary Alexander belted his eighth home run of the season, a two-run shot in the fifth inning, as the Oakland A's routed the Toronto Blue Jays 11-3 to raise their record to 18-5, best in the majors.

Willie Horton slugged a grand slam homer and an RBI double to power the Cleveland Indians to a 10-5 decision over the Seattle Mariners.

Baseball standings and results after Wednesday's games:

AMERICAN LEAGUE:

EAST:

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Detroit	15	5	.750	—
New York	13	9	.591	3 1/2
Boston	12	10	.545	3 1/2
Cleveland	10	11	.476	5 1/2
Milwaukee	10	12	.455	6
Baltimore	9	13	.409	7
Toronto	8	15	.348	8 1/2

WEST:

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Oakland	18	5	.783	—
Kansas City	14	8	.636	3 1/2
California	14	9	.609	4
Texas	10	10	.500	6 1/2
Chicago	7	13	.350	9 1/2
Minnesota	8	17	.320	11 1/2
Seattle	8	20	.286	12 1/2

Wednesday's games:

Boston 11, Minnesota 9
Texas 2, Baltimore 1
New York 6, Kansas City 5
Milwaukee 4, Chicago 0
Oakland 11, Toronto 3
Detroit 7, California 4
Cleveland 10, Seattle 5

NATIONAL LEAGUE:

EAST:

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Montreal	12	8	.600	—
Philadelphia	11	8	.579	1 1/2
Chicago	12	10	.545	1 1/2
Pittsburgh	10	11	.476	2 1/2
St. Louis	10	13	.434	3 1/2
New York	10	14	.417	4

WEST:

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Los Angeles	14	6	.688	—
Cincinnati	14	9	.609	1 1/2
San Francisco	12	11	.521	2 1/2
Houston	10	13	.435	4 1/2
San Diego	9	13	.409	5
Atlanta	8	14	.364	6

Wednesday's games:

Los Angeles 9, Chicago 5
Montreal 10, Houston 3
San Diego 7, Pittsburgh 5
New York at Atlanta, postponed, rain
Cincinnati 12, Philadelphia 3
San Francisco 4, St. Louis 0

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AURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Spend a little more money on pleasures and derive more joy, especially one you love. Having a talk with a trusted adviser gets good results now.

EMINI (May 21 to June 21) Plan recreations now for coming weekend. Know what your personal desires and how to gain them.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Get into comedy work that will gain you the favor of bigwigs and get results. You are able to get ahead faster where career is concerned. Be careful of strangers.

SO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Plan that trip where you will be able to get the data you need. You can meet contacts who can be most helpful to you in the future.

GO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Make necessary payments, but the state for bigger ventures ahead. Spend some time with a loved one, but avoid spending too much money for the sake of the relationship.

BRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Talk over details with an associate and come to a better understanding easily. A matter comes up that can mean more prestige for you. Show more devotion at home.

ORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Your work will be better with more profit if you are more enthusiastic about it. Be more courteous with a co-worker.

AGITARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Try something in the way of entertainment and relieve tensions. Get better relations with loved ones.

APRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Do whatever will be kind and add to harmony at home. Do some entertaining at home, but don't invite the party-pooper.

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Airbus makers poise for David and Goliath struggle with American aircraft giants

By Gilbert Sedbon

PARIS, (R). — Following a remarkable breakthrough into the lucrative U.S. market, the makers of the European Airbus are poised for a David and Goliath struggle with the American aircraft giants.

The European Airbus consortium, which consists of the French, West German, British, Dutch and Spanish aircraft industries, is not only stepping up production of the 250-seat Airbus but also developing a new family of jumbo jets. On the drawing board, awaiting decisions to build, are a shorter version of the Airbus known as the A-300-B-10 and two short-to-medium-range airplanes known as Jet One and Jet Two.

Determined to get a share

"We are determined to have a share of the world market," said Airbus Executive Roger Bethell, "and we are out to get it."

The recent sale to Eastern Airlines, one of America's largest domestic carriers, of 23 Airbus in a single deal worth \$800 million, opened up the hitherto almost inaccessible U.S. market.

Frank Borman, Eastern's Chairman and a former astronaut, said that in trials on the company's routes to Florida, the plane was about 30 per cent more economical in fuel than Eastern's fleet of Boeing 727s, and about 20 per cent more fuel efficient than its Lockheed Tristar L-1011 jets.

The American aircraft industry dominates the world market with Boeing, McDonnell-Douglas and Lockheed controlling 95 per cent of total sales and Boeing alone accounting for 65 per cent.

"But from now on the U.S. aircraft industry will have to reckon with European competition," Mr. Bethell said. "To meet new orders, we are doubling our production rate from one to two planes a month by the end of this year," he said. "And we expect to make six a month by next year."

Strong competition

In less than five years, the Airbus broke through the "100 barrier", and set one time overtook Boeing sales of Jumbo jets.

There are now 50 Airbuses flying with a dozen international airlines, 50 others on firm order and another 50 on paid up options.

"We expect to sell 500 Airbuses during the next five years, according to our market survey," the executive said. "But by that time we shall have our new B-10 and Euro-jets on the market," he said.

"And the big fight will really be on with our big American friends."

The Airbus has established itself as a major contender on the world market, and at \$35 million, it is cheaper and quieter than its American rivals, Eastern Airlines have named it the "whisperliner".

Before attacking the American market, the European consortium won sizeable orders from Korean Air Lines (KAL), Indian Airlines, Thai Airways International and more recently from Iran Air and Greece's Olympic Airways, all of which were previously considered a U.S. preserve.

True, the contract with Eastern involves a large series of detailed financing clauses that have raised questions as to how profitable the deal is for the European manufacturers, considering that the U.S. supplies the engines and some parts of the aircraft.

Position to win new orders But the Airbus, the first European airliner to break into the U.S. market since the short-lived sales of French Caravelles and British Viscounts in the United States 20 years ago, will be in a good position to win new orders.

The Airbus expects orders from Allegheny Airlines of Washington for its service between Pittsburgh and Los Angeles, San Francisco and Denver, and Pacific Southwest Airlines of San Diego.

Carriers which have also shown strong interest include the American United Airlines, the biggest in the Western World with over 35 million passengers a year, Trans World Airlines (TWA) and Air Canada.

The new Euro-jets will be completely new aircraft, involving an investment of about \$1 billion in research and development.

The Airbus A-300-B-10 and



The European aircraft industry has been gaining ground ever since Germany, France, Great Britain, the Netherlands and Spain agreed on the joint production of the Airbus A 300 B2/B4. The Europeans also hope to have success with the smaller B10 version of the Airbus, work on which will begin this summer.

the Euro-jets will be Europe's main challengers to whatever new types of aircraft the U.S. industry puts on the market in the next decade.

Boeing's wedge

Boeing, mindful of Europe's growing competition, is already trying to drive a wedge

between the European manufacturers by offering British Aerospace a partnership in its proposed new 150-170 seater. In such a case British Aerospace would be confined to a subcontracting role. Outwardly French manu-

facturers are taking a relaxed view. "If British Aerospace decide to go American, then good luck to them," said a top French official.

In reality a stiff fight is on between Western European and U.S. plane makers and Britain's attitude could be of vital importance to the outcome.

Monks incense scholars by withholding find of early Christian manuscripts

By Ron Lewald

Egyptian part of the Sinai Peninsula.

BONN, West Germany (AP). — West German Biblical scholars are incensed about a major find of early Christian texts which they say is being withheld from the international research community by Greek Orthodox monks on Mount Sinai.

"It could be one of the most important finds since the Dead Sea scrolls were discovered in 1947," said one internationally recognized scholar who asked to remain unidentified. "All we need is three men with the right equipment, and we could uncover the whole lot in a week's time."

According to information available here, the find was made about two years ago when monks tore down an old wall and stumbled on a hidden manuscript storage cavity at St. Catherine's Cloister on Mount Sinai. In the

Hoarding manuscripts

Tuebingen University Theology Professor Martin Hengel told the Associated Press that the monastery is hoarding thousands of papyrus and parchment manuscript fragments dating back before 300 A.D.

He confirmed that the 47 cartons of manuscripts written by early Christian monks include eight missing Old Testament pages of a priceless, fourth-century Greek Bible manuscript known as the Codex Sinaiticus.

The bulk of this manuscript was found at the same monastery in 1844 and 1854 by pioneering German Bible researcher Konstantin von Tischendorf.

Mr. Hengel and other West German scholars said nobody will know exactly what else the Sinai find includes until competent scientists are al-

lowed to photograph all the manuscripts and painstakingly compare them with known fragments of early Christian writings.

The find did not become publicly known here until early April when a German newspaper printed part of the text of a letter Mr. Hengel received late last year from a Greek expert who has seen some of the manuscripts at the monastery.

The Greek expert, a Professor Agourides who heads the Manuscripts Department of the Athens National Library, told Mr. Hengel that he was shown four of the eight Codex Sinaiticus pages, belonging to the Genesis chapter of the Septuagint (Greek Old Testament).

The letter said the headings on the 47 cartons list such treasures as manuscripts in the "minuscule" style used by monkish Bible scribes before 300 A.D. as well as the uncials, or capitals, they used later on, liturgical rolls, and

papyrus and parchment fragments from scripts by early Christian church fathers. Mr. Agourides wrote that he himself was shown a 100-page set of fragments "in wonderful uncials from the 6th or 7th century" A.D.

Early Greek icons

The hoard also includes another sensation, he wrote -- a treasure of early Greek Orthodox icons (holy paintings on wood), some of which appear to have been painted in an ancient encaustic which was used before the fourth century A.D.

To Biblical scholars, the rich find could be of inestimable value in trying to compare the earliest available texts with later scripts to reconstruct the Bible before it was rewritten by early monks.

German theologians said the Mount Sinai monks have granted one or two Greek scholars access to their hoard

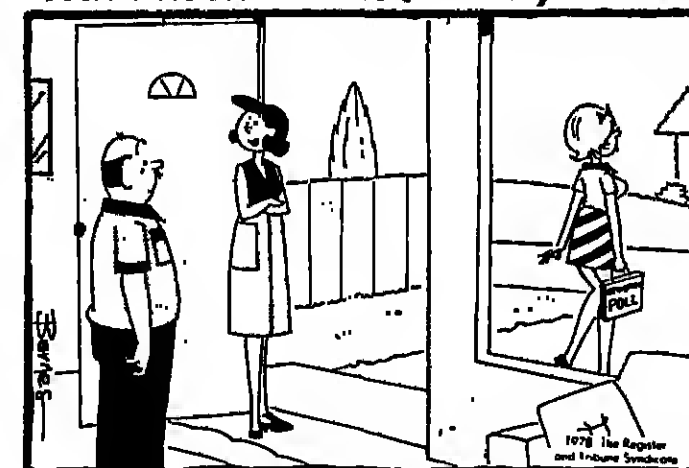
and some of the scripts are being microfilmed in a place where they fear could be taken away.

The research is complicated by lack of coordination between rival Greek experts from the Universities of Athens and Salonika, they said.

Other problems include the

many authorities involved -- the Greek and Egyptian governments and the Greek Orthodox Church itself. Professor Hengel, warned that "a find of such magnitude in the political scenery must be all costs be secured by an international scientific effort to microfilm every fragment," he said.

THE BETTER HALF. By Barnes



"She wanted your opinion, but I told her you gave at the office."

GOORED BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
1978 by Chicago Tribune

North-South vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH
♠ Q J 9 8
♥ K Q 9 8 2
♦ A Q
♣ 3 2

EAST
♠ 7 4
♥ A 5
♦ K J 8 7 6 5 3
♣ K Q J 9 8 7

SOUTH
♠ A K 10 4 3 2
♥ J 10 6 3
♦ 4 2
♣ A

The bidding:
West North East South
3♦ Dble. 5♦ 6♦
Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead: Ten of ♦.

Study the bidding and play of this hand, then decide if any blame attaches to either North or South for the result (and, if so, to whom?), or if South was just the unlucky victim of an inspired opening lead by West.

With the vulnerability in his favor, West had just enough to preempt with three clubs. East further complicated life for South by raising to game over North's takeout double, so South elected to shoot out slam in his long suit.

We would wager that ninety-nine out of a hundred players would lead the king of clubs from the West hand, and South would coast home in his slam. Unfortunately,

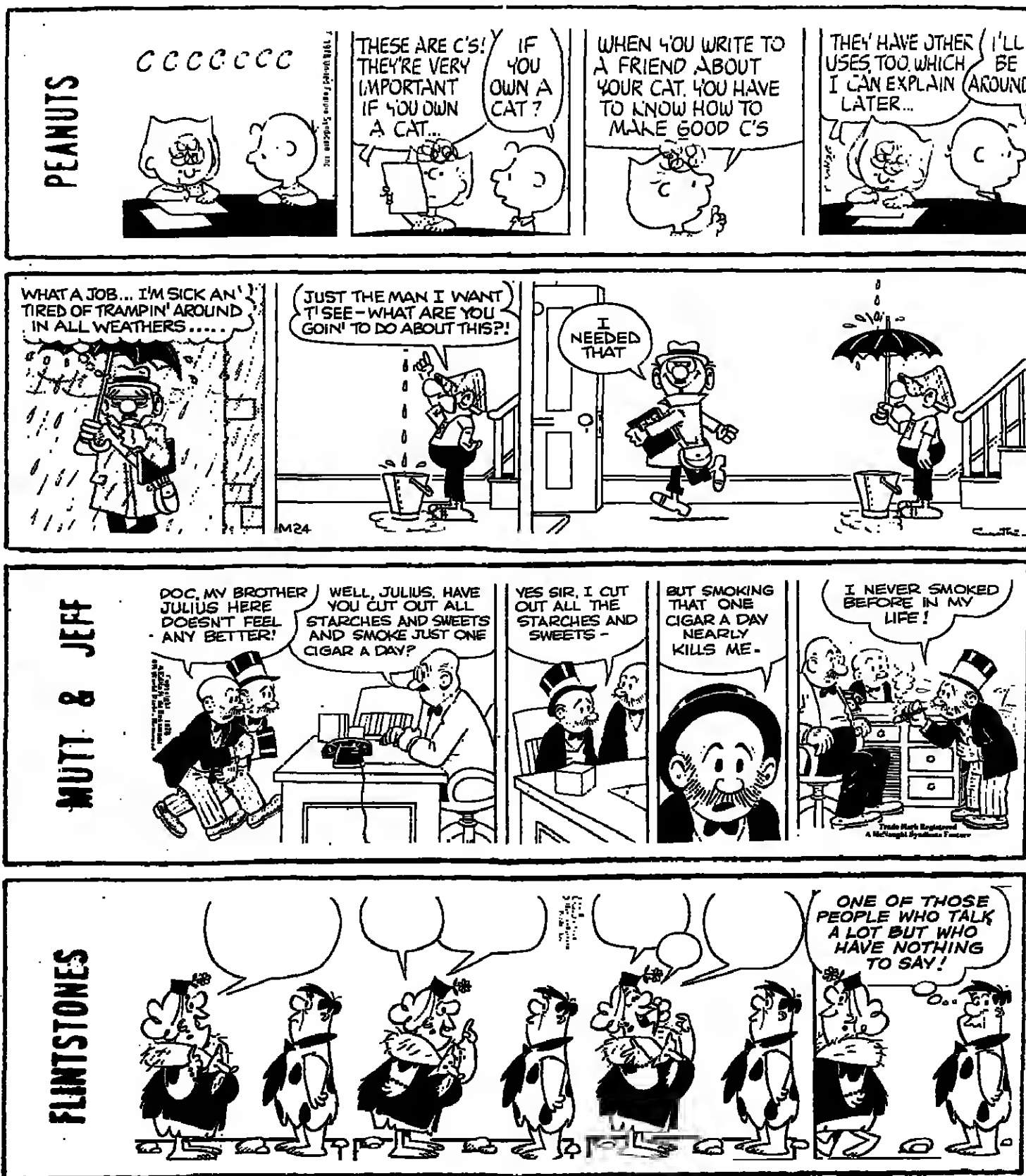
South met the hundredth defender. West reasoned that South was probably prepared for a club opening, so he decided to take advantage of the only time he was likely to have the lead to try to hit something in his partner's hand. He was eminently successful with his choice of the ten of diamonds.

Declarer had no means of obtaining a quick discard, so he was forced to take the diamond finesse at trick one. East won the king and subsequently scored his ace of hearts for a one-trick set.

What's your verdict? Certainly, North cannot be blamed for his takeout double. His hand was not suitable for an overall in hearts because that would run the risk of losing the spade suit and landing in an inferior contract.

However, we do think that South's jump to six spades was too unilateral. Since he had decided to play a slam, he could afford to probe a little at no cost. We suggest that South should cue-bid six clubs. If North bids six diamonds, South can correct to six spades. However, there is the chance that North might bid six hearts, in which case South should be content to play right there.

The clue to the situation lies in South's diamond holding. With only two low cards in the suit, South should realize that it could be to his side's advantage to have North as declarer, to protect a possible tenace in that suit.



New Afghan rulers declare their "respect" for Islam, claim they are not Communists

KABUL, May 4 (R). — The new leftist rulers of Afghanistan have told the world that their government swept in by a bloody coup one week ago is not Communist. New President Nur Mohammed Tarakki, who is 65, said in his first radio broadcast that to call his Republican Revolutionary Council a Communist government was a complete misnomer. Nor was it pro-Soviet.

It had great respect for Islam, the faith fervently embraced by most of the 20 million Afghans, Mr. Tarakki declared.

Diplomats said that, in fact, the new government was dominated by members of the staunchly pro-Soviet Democratic Khalq (People's) Party — the Communist Party — and backed by Soviet-trained soldiers.

But the diplomats predicted that Mr. Tarakki would hesitate to bring in an orthodox Communist state in so devoutly Moslem and backward a country as Afghanistan.

Mr. Tarakki, a poet and former press attaché in Washington, was described as a moderate by experienced analysts of Afghan politics. But they speculated that greater influence might eventually be exerted by his Vice President and Deputy Premier — Babrak Karmal.

They said that he and Hafizullah Amir, Deputy Premier responsible for Foreign Affairs, were rigid ideologists (see feature on this page, below).

One week after the coup, the government still had to issue a policy statement, which might more clearly indicate the kind of Afghan state being planned and the extent of Soviet influence.

Were Afghanistan to emerge a Soviet satellite it would bring the Russians to the frontiers of Pakistan and closer to their long-suspected dream of an Indian Ocean port.

Civilian Ministers Although the 21-member cabinet is overwhelmingly civilian, the military remains very much in charge.

As well as the absence of a policy statement, diplomats noted that ministers had yet to appear at their offices.

One exception was Mr. Hafizullah Amir who received well-wishers on the steps of

the Foreign Ministry yesterday.

The president has yet to appear in public and has met few ambassadors.

The Soviet Union, several East European countries and India recognise the new government but the Islamic bloc and the West have yet to do so.

Rigorous press censorship was imposed yesterday and foreign correspondents were told they would not be able to file stories out of Afghanistan.

A light censorship was imposed last Tuesday when the first group of journalists arrived in Kabul, five days after the military coup, but stories were allowed to go. The only phrase consistently deleted was "pro-Soviet government."

Incoming telephone calls to journalists are now suddenly disconnected and outgoing calls are not accepted. Officials at all levels have refused to talk to correspondents. Requests to them for interviews have met a standard reply: they are busy.

French victim of Lebanon clashes



A trooper of the French United Nations peace-keeping forces lies wounded in bed at the Hotel Dieu Hospital in Beirut on Wednesday. The soldier was one of several victims of incidents in the south of Lebanon during which armed men clashed with U.N. troops on the same day. Three died and 12 were wounded in the clashes. (AP wirephoto)

U.S. House committee votes to lift arms embargo on Turkey

WASHINGTON, May 4 (R). — The House of Representatives International Relations Committee yesterday voted 18 to 17 to lift the arms embargo imposed by Congress on U.S. arms sales to Turkey.

It took the action after several members argued that the three-year-old embargo, imposed because Turkey used U.S. weapons in its 1974 invasion of Cyprus, worked against

U.S. efforts to mediate a settlement to the Cypriot dispute.

The Carter administration had urged Congress to lift the embargo, saying it had not helped progress in the Cypriot dispute and had caused serious weakness in NATO's southeastern flank.

It had also argued that removal of the embargo would do away with a symbol that

had prevented the Turks from being as forthcoming as necessary to achieve a settlement.

The committee's vote, taken as it neared completion of a \$1.85 billion foreign military aid bill for the 1979 fiscal year, was thus a major victory for the Carter administration.

The issue now goes to the House floor where further efforts to maintain the embargo by supporters of Greece are expected.

There was no immediate indication of when it would reach the floor but it is also pending before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee which began hearings on the proposal on Tuesday.

Strong opposition to the administration's request to lift the embargo was voiced by several members of the Senate panel at Tuesday's hearing.

In Athens, the Greek press today forecast that President Carter's plan to lift the arms embargo on Turkey would have difficulty winning approval in Congress.

Newspapers carried front-page reports of yesterday's vote of the House of Representatives' committee in favour of lifting the embargo.

They said two committee members in favour of retaining the embargo had not voted. The result would have been different if they had, the papers said. The opposition liberal daily Ta Nea called the vote a "victory-defeat" for President Carter.

Nationalists suffer major setback in local Scottish polls

GLASGOW, Scotland, May 4 (AP). — The movement for Scottish independence suffered a major setback in local elections yesterday. The voting appeared to reflect gains for Britain's Labour government.

The Scottish National Party, which wants to end Scotland's ties with England, suffered losses which its own members admit push it back to where it stood four years ago.

William Wolfe, Chairman of the SNP, called the results "disappointing."

Although the SNP only lost nine of the 511 seats contested, it was enough to swing control of some local councils to either the Labour or Conserva-

tive Parties. "It looks as if Scotland is rallying decisively behind the Labour government and rejecting the SNP's separatist policies," said Ron Haywood, Labour's General Secretary.

With all the results in, Labour had a net gain of 11 seats and the Conservatives gained 16 seats. On the national parliamentary level, however, the Conservative Party poses little threat to Labour in Scotland.

The SNP made massive gains in the 1974 local and national elections, and political commentators said the poor showing showed its momentum was beginning to die.

Skylab's re-entry may be dangerous

WASHINGTON, May 4 (R). — U.S. space officials said last night there was only a 50-50 chance of reactivating the Skylab space station to stop its premature and possibly dangerous return to earth.

The 85-ton Skylab, shot into space in 1974, was originally supposed to have a life of ten years. However due to an error in predicting sunspot activity the station is coming down already and at its present rate of descent could re-enter the earth's atmosphere some time next year. Such a "random re-entry" would mean that a lot of equipment including such heavy items as lead-lined film boxes, could fall to earth over a 1,600 kms. area.

A spokesman for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) told Reuters that scientists began last week to send commands to the laboratory, abandoned in space since the last of three astronaut teams departed four years ago. He said computer systems aboard Skylab had responded to commands and attempts were being made to get its batteries charged up.

"We think that we can eventually get 22 of its 28 batteries charged," the spokesman said. "As for the gyroscopes (which control the craft's attitude) we think we have one good one, one not quite so good and one bad one." He added that if all went well NASA officials would try some time next month to fire Skylab's thruster attitude control system, adding: "We've got a 50-50 chance of success."

If the operation is successful Skylab's orbital life span will be increased by 12 to 14 months — enough time to get the U.S. space shuttle, now undergoing flight tests, up to assist it. A device known as a teleoperation retrieval system would be floated over to Skylab from the shuttle and attached by remote control. Thrusters on the system would then be activated to boost it into a higher orbit.

Urgent political, strategic questions are raised as Communists take over Afghanistan

KABUL, May 4 (Agencies). — The sudden emergence of a Communist government in the traditionally neutral buffer state of Afghanistan raises disturbing new political and strategic questions in the South Asia region.

The Afghan Communist Party is staunchly pro-Soviet and is backed by an efficient army and air force which is largely Soviet-trained and well-equipped with Russian arms.

Western and South Asian diplomats in Kabul were taken unawares by the swiftness and completeness of the Communist takeover of power.

Head of state and Prime Minister Nur Mohammed Tarakki, 65, and his two senior colleagues in the new government make up the leadership of the Afghan Democratic Khalq (Peoples) Party.

The three military members of his cabinet — including the air force and tank commanders who led the April 27 coup which brought him to power — are identified as leftists with close links with the Communist Party.

How radical?

President Tarakki's cabinet has been in almost continuous session since the new government was announced on Monday night. Diplomats are waiting anxiously on its first policy statement, to judge how radical the regime might be.

A Communist Afghan state on the lines of Czechoslovakia or Hungary would bring the Soviet Union virtually to the borders of Pakistan and much nearer the long-suspected Soviet goal of a warm water port. It would also further alarm

Iran, a fast-growing regional military power which has always been sensitive to encirclement by its giant northern neighbour. Even India, the third major regional power and once clearly pro-Soviet itself, would be made uneasy by developments of this kind.

Some Western representatives believe their relations with the new regime will be difficult, at least initially. But most observers are agreed that it would be impossible to convert Afghanistan to doctrine Communist in the foreseeable future and that its pro-Soviet line will be strongly tempered by Islam and regional considerations.

United by Islam

Afghanistan, a country of almost 20 million, is a complex mix of tribal and racial groups, united mainly by the Islamic religion and a fierce determination to resist external control.

Last week's violent coup exposed serious differences in its armed forces. The takeover by the leftwing junta was resisted in Kabul for almost 24 hours and only the sophisticated firepower of the air force swung the balance in the rebels' favour.

Some Western estimates put the number of people killed during two days of fighting and a subsequent series of executions as high as 10,000. But this figure is generally regarded as exaggerated.

President Tarakki was quoted by the official Soviet news agency Tass today as describing a "shameless lie" reports that there were mass killings during last week's coup.

In a report from Kabul, Tass quoted the new Afghan leader

as saying his government would follow an independent and peace-loving foreign policy based on the principles of peaceful coexistence.

Tass said Mr. Tarakki was speaking on Kabul Radio in an interview broadcast last night.

The main fighting centred on the tick-walled Presidential Palace compound which occupies almost a full city block in the central area of Kabul.

The former President Mohammed Daoud's Palace Guard, variously estimated at between 1,500 and 4,000 strong, resisted fiercely and fought to the last 200 men, according to eyewitness reports.

But many did die

The 15th Tank Regiment and the Seventh and Eighth Army Division Headquarters in Kabul and some units along with the para-military police and security forces are reported to have been shot in the aftermath of the coup.

The grim Kabul prison was the scene of mass executions, with rifle and submachine-gun fire echoing within its walls, well-informed sources said.

Most observers believe the coup was meticulously planned but staged sooner than leftist military and Communist leaders had originally intended.

The showdown between the Daoud administration and the leftists had been coming for 18 months since the president eased out of his government Communist Party members and the young leftist officers who helped stage the 1973 coup which brought him to power.

"The left thought they would control Daoud but instead he got rid of them. This was their revenge," one highly-placed source said.

Massive strength shown

The final events built up quickly. The Communist Party showed its strength on April 19 with a massive funeral procession of about 15,000 people for its leader Amir Akbar Khyber who was assassinated two days earlier.

His murder is now blamed on the former Defence Minister, Gen. Ghuulam Haider Rasuli, who was himself killed during the coup.

Following the huge red flag demonstration on the day of Khyber's funeral, Daoud began a purge of all the civil servants who were reported to have taken part in it, sources said.

Rumours spread that the defence minister was planning to extend the purge of civil servants by arresting leftist military officers and the coup was put into effect the next day.

The first tanks began moving into position on Thursday morning and fighting continued until dawn on Friday.

The Afghan armed forces are conservatively estimated to have between 300 and 400 Russian advisers, mainly with tank and air force units and maintenance experts.

Seeds of disunity?

President Tarakki, a poet and former journalist who once worked as press attaché at the Afghanistan Embassy in Washington and later as a translator with the United States Aid Mission in Kabul, is described as one of the most moderate members of the Communist Party leadership.

He was the first chairman of the party but immediately before the coup was its general secretary.

His Vice President and Deputy Prime Minister, Babrak Karmal, is the hard liner and principal ideologue of the party, supported by the Deputy Prime Minister in charge of Foreign Affairs, Hafizullah Amin.

The two men headed the breakaway Parcham (Flag) wing of the party formed five years ago, but reunited with the main party under Soviet guidance in May last year.

Coup's landmark

Meanwhile, the biggest attraction in post-coup Kabul is the battle-scarred Presidential Palace where loyalist and rebel troops died in the two days of fierce fighting last week.

The palace grounds, showing the ravages of shellfire and rocket attacks, have been thrown open to the public. The mood is relaxed, almost cheerful, as curious Afghans of all ages and descriptions look over the eerie reminders of death and destruction.

Large chunks have been blown from the brick walls of the buildings in the compound. Some were heavily damaged. Others suffered only shattered windows.

Burned hulks of tanks and armoured personnel carriers, now festooned with flowers, lie where they were stopped by ousted President Daoud's elite personal force, the Palace or Republican Guard, which was armed with submachine guns and a few anti-tank weapons.

The crowds are more colourful than the macabre display. Women, their faces concealed by long Burqa veils, walk in with their teenage daughters, some dressed in

knit blouses and blue jeans. The Afghan men wear a variety of headgear, from small round caps to large top-heavy turbans. Some have long beards and billowing trousers. Others are clean-shaven and sport business suits.

Tourist attraction

Thousands have toured the opulent residence where Daoud lived during his five years in power.

Daoud and a number of his family, including his wife, three sons and young grandchildren, were killed on the palace grounds.

Visitors, in continuous droves, pass through the palace gates now guarded by tanks and troops.

Capitalising on the palace's popularity, young entrepreneurs have set up small refreshment stands outside its tall walls to sell soft drinks laded out in tin cans and loaves of flat round Afghan bread. From large sacks slung over a donkey, a small boy sells cucumbers, by far the best-selling item.

Passersby randomly interviewed spoke hopefully of the new regime and its leader.

Mohammad Mosa, a 20-year-old company employee, like the others interviewed, insisted the coup had not ushered in a Communist government. "It is not Communist, this is a Moslem country," he said. Added a bank employee, walking with friends on their lunch hour: "It's a democratic republic."

The ruling Revolutionary Council has stated in radio broadcasts that the new regime stands for Islamic principles and would pursue nationalist and democratic policies.

Senate Republicans slam Carter's foreign and defence policies

WASHINGTON, May 4 (Agencies). — Opposition Republican senators last night described President Carter's administration as inexperienced and inept in its handling of foreign policy and national defence.

"In 15 short months of incoherence, inconsistency and ineptitude, our foreign policy and national security objectives are confused and we are being challenged around the globe by Soviet arrogance," said a report by the 38 Republican members of the Senate.

The report on national security and foreign policy criticised the Carter administration for its concessions in nuclear arms talks with the Soviet Union, the small size of the United States' defence budget and the planned withdrawal of American ground troops from South Korea.

While its support of human rights was in the best American tradition, the report said, "this administration has failed to handle the situation with adequate sensitivity and skill."

It noted the growing influence of Eurocommunism and ad-

ded that the Carter administration had not used its influence to try to forestall the presence of Communists in the governments of major Western powers.

Although the document covered a broad range of topics, it contained no statement on the controversial sale of warplanes to Israel, Saudi Arabia and Egypt.

Senate minority leader Howard Baker said Republican members had not reached a consensus on that issue.

Among its recommendations, the statement urged higher defence spending and a bigger naval shipbuilding programme than proposed by the administration.

Baker and Sen. John Tower of Texas, Chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee, emphasised what they said is widespread concern about the course of strategic arms limitation talks with the Soviet Union.

Baker said he supports SALT talks but is worried the current negotiations point towards an agreement "distinctly unfavourable to the United States."

JUMBLE. THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TREEB

YUMST

GEAVAS

FRINEY



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: "PATIO CHAMP DELUGE BOILED"

Yesterday's Jumbles: PATIO CHAMP DELUGE BOILED

Answer: Flares up just like he does — could it be this? — A GOOD MATCH

THE Daily Crossword by Susan Mindell

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| ACROSS | 27 Accommodations at | 54 Ocean | 21 Rushes |
| 1 Small airship | 28 San Quentin | 55 40 days after Easter | 22 Beginning of an oak |
| 6 Move obliquely | 29 Would-be newlywed | 58 Detective | 23 Resting place |
| 10 Song of a troubadour | 30 Flings | 59 Soon | 24 Verve |
| 14 Countified | 31 Information | 60 bear | 25 — " — said the title |
| 15 Public conveyance | 32 Man's name | 61 Run or rule | 26 Mosaic |
| 16 Accomplishes | 33 Group concerned with the Easter date | 62 Sly trick | 29 Mosaic |
| 17 Marble | 41 Pilots | 63 Water pitcher | 30 Rumbled |
| 18 Greek god | 42 Opera tunes | 64 Mimic | 31 Notice |
| 19 Wood sorrels | 43 Convent | 65 Traps | 32 Beetle |
| 20 Springtime promenade | 44 woman | 66 Traps | 33 Dine in |
| 23 Franklin or Gazzara | 45 Cargo | 67 Scoundrel | 34 Paris thug |
| 26 Exhausted | 46 Gripe | 68 Rainbow | 35 Short letter |
| | 47 Worked diligently | 69 Pull laboriously | 36 Khan |
| | | 70 A Garshwin | 37 Paris thug |
| | | 71 Ship's officer | 38 Changed to |
| | | 72 Fill the | 39 Smoothie |
| | | 73 Condition | 40 Adjust to |
| | | 74 Valentine or Black | 41 Glamor photo |
| | | 75 Make an effort | 42 Immoral |
| | | 76 Will-o'-the-wisp | 43 Secret |
| | | 77 Is an ardent fan of | 44 Teasdale |
| | | 78 Union units | 45 Part of NYC |
| | | 79 Size up | 46 King beater |
| | | | 47 Steep, to soften |

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

SHIP RAIL ANGEL
LAME ELTA SOUSE
FOCA TIKKI SMITH
POE BEVELLEADED
SUEDE MURDERERS
WODD MURDER
ENHIA HOGES BAR
LIVIV MYTHS MICA
FEE BERNER DISSET
PARIUS TRIAP
ARSENIC VINDICIT
SHEEPSTOCKY FAIR
LEAVE GUILD KAIR
ESKIR TALL ARTIS
SEIDIS SLED UNIES

